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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, the applicants made the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 15-17 and 19-47 stand withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-8, 10-14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Khandwala et al. (US Patent No. 5,827,898) and Park et al.

In Paper Number 6, the applicants traversed a requirement for restriction and requested reconsideration. Paper Number 7, the outstanding Office Action, states that "upon reconsideration, Claims 10-19 will be included in the invention of Group I," but goes on to state that Claims 15-16, 17 and 19 are withdrawn from further consideration. The undersigned and the Examiner discussed this inconsistency in telephone interviews during the week of July 15, 2002. During those interviews, the Examiner clarified that Claims 17 and 19 were to have been considered in Group I, but that Claims 15 and 16 were to have been